

# Eco-Community Dialogues Newsletter

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## Another Significant GMO Lawsuit

**PEPPERIDGE FARM food manufacturer is facing a federal lawsuit** filed by an *elementary school teacher* who is a mom and a grandmother in *Lake Worth, FLORIDA*. *Lisa Lea* found out that **Goldfish crackers** which she had been buying once-a-month for four years contain soy as an ingredient. About 90 percent of all U.S. soy is *Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO's)*. It is a glaring case of false advertising and misleading marketing for product packaging because *GMO's would never exist in nature so they are unnatural recombinants, such as fish genes in apples, or human genes in rice, which is anti-Genesis 1:29 laws of natural creation.*

Attorney, *Joshua Eggnatz*, implicates PEPPERIDGE FARM for violating the **FLORIDA DECEPTIVE AND UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES ACT**, and asserts that you may not think GMO's are bad for you, but others may, and the consumer has a right to know and to choose what she is putting into bodies without being misled.

U.S. consumers are joining the chorus of disapproval for improperly labeled or mislabeled food. GMO's are NOT "*Natural*". That's cheating. Americans dislike being misled and lied to, as much as other world citizens dislike it. The class-action seeks PEPPERIDGE FARM to reimburse FLORIDA consumers at least \$5 million in damages and requires an honest cracker package.

*Lillian Craggs-Dino*, a registered *Dietician*, explains that allergy sufferers, those following a Kosher diet, and those who eat a plant-based diet *need* to know whether GMO's are ingredients in what they buy as consumers. She claims it is ultimately about food labels so consumers can make an educated and informed choice to buy the product or not.

Bacteria or viruses are utilized as carriers to cross the DNA from foreign species such as animal, human, insect, pig, or shellfish into the DNA of another species such as corn, soy, sugar, or etc. In America FLORIDA is among the 14 U.S. states that want GMO ingredients to be labeled at the state level. The U.S. CONGRESS may be considering a bill that would direct the federal FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA) to clearly label GMO's in food.

WHOLE FOODS is the first supermarket chain that has made it mandatory that suppliers put GMO labels on all products sold and the deadline is 2018.

MANY BIG FOOD MANUFACTURERS ALREADY HAVE VERSIONS OF THEIR PRODUCTS THAT ARE GMO-FREE OR ELSE GMO-LABELED BECAUSE 60 OTHER COUNTRIES ALREADY REQUIRED IT.

(Source: August 12, DAILY TIDINGS, "When 'Natural' isn't natural" by *Nicole Brochu* of SUN SENTINAEEL Fort Lauderdale, FLORIDA)

## Rising Ocean Waters

According to the **CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)** there is an abrupt global melt affecting CALIFORNIA, right now. It's already happening, in present time. That concludes a new 258-page documented report that 51 scientists wrote. The participating scientists represent the UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SCRIPPS INSTITUTION OF OCEANOGRAPHY; THE LAWRENCE BERKELEY NATIONAL LABORATORY; THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY; and THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION.

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The immediacy of the predicament the shake and bake state finds itself in is other than computer forecasts. Ocean water is rising, there are monstrous forest fires, and viciously hot weather that is affecting public health. Earth's meltdown is also consequential to CALIFORNIA wildlife, farms, forests, and, of course, its water supply.

I should like to add that multinational corporations now purchase groundwater and distribution rights wherever they can, and the bottled water industry views affordable and safe drinking water as a commodity. Grandmothers will remember when water seemed so basic that we assumed it was a human right. We couldn't have imagined dying of thirst here in America unless we were stranded in Death Valley. As climate refugees continue to relocate, how will the Pacific northwest handle it.

A new study published online in **SCIENCE** reports that the net rise in seasonal exchange of carbon between land and air CANNOT be explained by more fossil fuels burned, more wildfires, or just by changes in the way the ocean cycles carbon.

Data was collected from 2009 through 2011 and compared to data collected from 1958 through 1961. The data was gathered from pole-to-pole monitoring flights at Mauna Loa, HAWAII, and Barrow, ALASKA. The researchers found that flux of seasonal carbon absorbed and released has increased 50 % over the past 50-years above the 45<sup>th</sup> parallel. **THE MAJOR ECOLOGICAL CHANGES ABOVE THE 45<sup>th</sup> PARALLEL, MEANS MOST OF THE U.S.A. AND CANADA exhibit this steep change, but lower latitudes did NOT exhibit it.**

**EARTH'S NORTHERN LATITUDE forest stands have been changed by logging, fire, and other disturbances to the ancient old-growth forests.** Migrating plant species and younger trees and shrubs with thick underbrush have shorter and more intense periods of carbon absorption that equates to a stronger seasonal flux of carbon cycling between land and the atmosphere each year. The age composition of the forests has changed and that compounds the problem. **THE YOUNGER TREES ONLY HAVE THE METABOLISM OF TEENS.** Current climate models underestimate the effect of this CHANGE IN THE FORESTS. **But the photosynthesis cycle is swinging so much more wildly than it did 50-years ago, that the fluctuation is unable to be explained by only the enriched carbon dioxide atmosphere.**

THERE ARE SOME OTHER CHANGES OCCURRING IN THE ECOSYSTEM according to Heather D. Graven, geochemist at SCRIPPS INSTITUTION OF OCEANOGRAPHY at THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO.

The article didn't address the obvious correlation between the fact that SOUTH AMERICA is nuclear-free, whereas the U.S.A. AND CANADA may be reaping the cause and effect consequences of all those NEVADA and other nuclear bomb test explosions that sent *mega heat and radioactive dust cloud particles* into the lower and upper atmospheres above the 45<sup>th</sup> parallel multiple times during the past 50-years. Eventually what goes up must come back down.

(Source: August 9 MAIL TRIBUNE, "Study: California now feeling the effects of global warming" SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, and August 9 DAILY TIDINGS, "Carbon cycle gets more extreme as climate changes" by Geoffrey Mohan LOST ANGELES TIMES, LOS ANGELES)

#### Nuclear Risk is Too Great

It is the highest responsibility of all nuclear powers to prevent tipping the fragile planet's already vulnerable climate meltdown chaos situation into a **Nuclear Winter**. Even a limited Nuclear War might tip the ecological volatility into an ecological end of earth as habitable for Man. The planet could be plunged into an immediate Ice Age shift from global heat to global freeze. The risk is too great for earthlings.

An August 14 OREGONIAN news article reported that the *Malmstrom Air Force Base* in MONTANA is one of the three U.S. AIR FORCE's "nuclear air force" wing locations that each operate 150 MINUTE-MAN INTERCONTINENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILES, or ICBMs on alert for potential launch.

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According to the report, *Lieutenant General James M. Kowalski*, Commander of **AIR FORCE GLOBAL STRIKE COMMAND** told the ASSOCIATED PRESS on August 13 that a unit at *Malmstrom Air Force Base* in MONTANA, fumbled on an exercise during a safety and security inspection, by not demonstrating the right tactical procedures, and the Chairman of the HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE, Republican *Howard McKeon* of CALIFORNIA claims two of three different bases have had trouble with inspections in a year's time.

But THE PENTAGON Press Secretary, *George Little*, asserts that America's nuclear forces remain fully capable and ready, even though there were errors. Spokesman *John Noonan* claim's the U.S. AIR FORCE needs to recommit from the top down, to refocus upon ensuring nuclear deterrent. Synonyms for the word "deterrent" means "curb", "disincentive", "limit", "prevention", "restraint" and "restriction".

Nuclear deterrent is an **air, water, and food** topic because a *Nuclear Winter* would affect one and all. Man is interconnected with the eco-system of planet Earth, that *Great Mother* of us all. "*Honor thy Mother*" is a spiritual awakening for Man to refocus on interdependence, rather than conflicts.

(Source: August 14, THE OREGONIAN, "Nuclear unit flunks safety test" by Robert Burns, and John Parie/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, WASHINGTON)

#### Seek Higher Ground

The U.S. NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL believes U.S. sea levels may rise as much as 29 inches by the end of this century. That is a yard-stick higher ocean that will put some island and coastal areas under water. With a prognosis like that, what will you do if your city passes a requirement to hoist all sea level homes up to higher ground.

Think about it. Sea level measurements have risen almost eight-inches since 1870 when they were first measured. The annual rate of rise is now close to twice the average from previous years and may reach up to a yardstick higher this century.

Assuming just a two-foot global sea level rise this century means *New York City*, NEW YORK would be under 2.3 feet of water, Other states with inundated cities include Texas, Virginia, and Washington. What about your state, are you living in La La Land about the consequences of where your home is located. If so, then it is time to wake up and smell the salt water.

The glaciers and ice caps of planet earth are in global meltdown, causing the increase in ocean water temperatures and worsening weather cycles of draught and floods. So far about 80% of the additional heat released has been absorbed by the oceans. But hurricanes bring sea water onto shore.

In the post-nuclear years immediately ahead world citizens will have to think about the consequences of losing the coastal cities and towns as aquifer and agricultural soil will be contaminated with rising seas. Wetlands will be flooded. Birds, fish, humans and plants will lose habitat and become climate refugees. It will be a migrating world population. And if the ice sheets of the ANTARTICA and GREENLAND may melt, adding an extra foot of sea rise to the prognosis.

Will you head for the hills or hope the earth will open her mouth and swallow the floods. We have seen from FUCASHIMO that a big earthquake off the coast in the ocean may suddenly drop the sea floor by 500 feet, but a tidal wave would immediately flood the shore. The time to relocate is while you still can, before disaster strikes.

(Source: August 13 DAILY TIDINGS Earth Talk, "Sea levels expected to keep rising" by Roddy Scheer and Doug Moss sourced from [www.emagazine.com](http://www.emagazine.com); [www.nationalacademies.org/nrc/EPA](http://www.nationalacademies.org/nrc/EPA); [www.oceannationalgeographic.com/ocean/critical-issues-sea-level-rise/](http://www.oceannationalgeographic.com/ocean/critical-issues-sea-level-rise/); [earthtalk@emagazine.com](mailto:earthtalk@emagazine.com); and [www.epa.gov/climatechange/science/future.html](http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/science/future.html))

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#### Federal U.S. Court of Appeals Ruling

The Obama administration insists that the proposed nuclear waste dump site at **Yucca Mountain, NEVADA**, be shut, and so does the current head of the NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION, geologist *Macfarlane*. Four senators introduced legislation to try to restart a search for a nuclear waste repository site. OREGON senator *Ron Wyden* is one of the four. *Keith Chu* is spokesman for the four.

The appeals case was brought by the states of WASHINGTON and NORTH CAROLINA who want to bury their MILITARY WASTE at *Yucca Mountain*, in NEVADA. In the 1980's CONGRESS chose the site over objections of the State of NEVADA.

**Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh** of the federal **U.S. COURT OF APPEALS** has decided President Obama may not decline to follow a statutory mandate or prohibition and that the NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION flouted the law in stopping the work review. **Judge Kavanaugh ruled that CONGRESS DECIDES THE U.S. NUCLEAR WASTE POLICY.**

(Source: August 14, NEW YORK TIMES, "Government Must Continue Review of Nevada Nuclear Waste Site, Court Says" by Matthew Wald, WASHINGTON)

#### Import Reliance

*Attorney Scott Tips* is the *General Counsel* for the world's oldest health-freedom organization for consumers, the NATIONAL HEALTH FEDERATION. The *Agenda 21* that was introduced at the 1992 UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE seemed benign. That was then, 21-years ago.

This is now, 21-years later, with MONSANTO COMPANY dominance of world agriculture that is a far cry from truly sustainable agriculture. It's been a steep learning curve. Sustainable practices are supposed to minimize impact upon the earth and nurture habitat. But reality has shown that GMO crops do not increase yield, they do not withstand drought, they are causative of soil pathogen disease, the bees are dying, and now there are superweeds and superbugs, and the biocides that the GMO-seed crops are dependent upon pollute water and expose both consumers and agricultural workers to toxic residues.

The past two-decades have turned into a *Corporate World* that is highly government-subsidized. The **World Trade Agreements** get rid of the consumer rights of sovereign nations. The guidelines and standards of the *beast of TRADE* are based on CODEX ALIMENTARIUS to lower fertility rates and reduce the population.

But this is the beginning of the *Age of Aquarius*. The future depends upon alleviating the distortions in the global society. Reliance on imports from other countries could ultimately result in import food shortages that would make the cost of food go up, and high grocery bills could cause malnourishment for those who can't afford.

#### It's a Choice

In a just society gleanings are your brother's keeper. Therefore everyone who has soil could plant two fruit trees in the front yard, and a kitchen garden in the back yard, to avert disease and famine. For those who have no yards to plant, generosity is their godsend. Generosity is the real source and inspiration of all good in life.

There are ways to convert balconies, driveways, closed highways, lawns, parking lots, or even rooftops to raised-bed agriculture or hothouses. Rainwater could be collected for these victory gardens. It's a matter of having a heart. Humanity has to will it, to love your neighbor as yourself. Platitudes aren't actions. Where there's a will, there's a way. There is healing energy in choosing peace over power.

What a different society it would become if everyone would celebrate a jubilee year by sheltering those without family and friends to live with. Imagine the joy in giving all homeless individuals a bicycle, a boat, a camper, a dorm room, a bunk bed in a garage, a cot in a vacant office, a teepee, a tent, or a wigwam to winter without freezing.

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If each county would find fertile campsite land with access to a fresh water stream then each street person could grow food. Every displaced person could be given a tent in a designated campsite and required to garden. A food shop could be built within easy walking distance and they could participate with these cooperatives.

Think about how much competitive sports cost, and then realize cooperation is better than competition. What a wonderful world tomorrow it would be if everyone simply decided to refuse to be enemies. The spirit of comforting is always somewhere, but doesn't interfere with human will. Instead of perfecting problems, the solution is to initiate positive change instead of to complain.

Whether blessed with an acre of open space, a community garden plot, a forest and a mountain, a riverbank or seashore, or just an urban sidewalk greenway, it is wonderful to cultivate beautiful gardens and parks. The indigent could be productive members of society by being given a way to garden in harmony with their natural urges to grow food in the immediate environment.

#### FDA "Protectionism"

ARYURVEDIC has thousands of years of historical curative claims and is considered credible in other nations, such as its parent nation INDIA. But in America, *the FDA seized ARYURVEDIC MEDICINE dietary supplements, and natural treatments that includes herbs and special diets.*

In order to keep alternative health care products available to consumers, ARYURVEDIC and other natural products must state they are NOT intended to diagnose, treat, cure, or prevent any disease. In America the FDA only lets Big Pharma make those claims. The FDA's reasoning is that prescription drug labels *disclose side effects*. Without side effect labels consumers can't understand the risk-benefit balance of food and drugs that lack side-effect labels. **The FDA is criminally prosecuting for non-compliance.**

Both on the internet and at retail outlets products can be found making claims such as being "A natural diabetes cure". The Director of Compliance at the FDA CENTER FOR DRUG EVALUATION AND RESEARCH threatens consumers that if you have diabetes you should be getting treatment from a medical doctor. The FDA does NOT want alternative health care professionals replacing medical doctors for treatment of diabetes which affects 26 million Americans and is very profitable to Big Pharma. Competition by alternative health care professions in the marketplace is being attacked by the federal FDA.

The FDA claims to be "protecting consumers" by issuing warning letters to *Balanceutical Group, Enterprise, Glytain, Health King, Magin Company, Naturecast Products, Nature's Health Supply, and Nutraceutical*. The FDA alleges their product "may" be contaminated or delay people from seeking "proper" timely treatment, meaning prescription drugs. One of the products mentioned was the original *Jiang Tang Yi Huo Su Jiao Nang* that is included in a pancreatic capsule. And it bears repeating that **the FDA is criminally prosecuting the firms** if they don't do the actions in the warning letters.

(Source: July 24, THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, WSJ.com/US. by Thomas M. Burton WASHINGTON)

#### The FDA Sanctions Cigarettes to Kill You

**In 2009 the U.S. CONGRESS gave the FDA authority to regulate cigarettes.** All flavoring in cigarettes, except menthol, is banned in America. *But lungs were not made for SMOKE.* Menthol is soothing to the throat so putting it into cigarettes makes it much harder for you to stop smoking. Instead of banning cigarettes in the best interest of the public safety, the FDA plans on keeping the additional sales of Menthol Cigarettes on the market by funding three "additional studies" of point the finger at menthol instead of banning all cigarettes. *Mitch Zeller is Director of the FDA CENTER FOR TOBACCO PRODUCTS.* Notice the FDA CENTER is worded "for" not "anti" tobacco products. Cigarettes are a major source of federal and state tax revenue and Menthol Cigarette sales were \$25 billion a year in 2011. How many dying people in lung cancer wards has *Mitch Zeller* sat with during their last breath.

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In the meantime how many people will puff themselves to death because of a wishy washy FDA that doesn't dare stop the Cigarette Industry from depopulating America. *Cigarette smoking is the leading cause of preventable death in the U.S. so it's all about the money.*

Approximately 19 percent of adults in the U.S.A. are smokers. That's about 44 million endangered human lives that could be protected by cigarette abolition. Cigarette sales are causative of more than 440,000 deaths yearly, according to **THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION**. Multiply that number of kill by a decade, or by an accumulation of a lifetime of decades, and see what the smokers' chances are of being killed off by state and federal revenue from tobacco.

(Source: July 24, THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, "*Menthals Could Increase Addiction Rise*" by Jennifer Dooren; August 9 DAILY TIDINGS "*More than just hot air*" by Jessica Morrison; THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER, "*Millions still Smoking*")

#### Other Beefs

Rebecca McLeod, a lead scientist at ORITAIN, a NEW ZEALAND-based company has developed a technology to identify traces of the air, grass, soil, and water where NEW ZEALAND mutton or beef roam, to the very province, and unidentified meat that claimed to be NEW ZEALAND lamb, sold in China, wasn't NEW ZEALAND. State media in CHINA HAS REPORTED THE DISCOVERY OF FOX, MINK, AND RAT BEING PASSED OFF AS BEEF AND MUTTON.

In the U.S. we see MERCK AND COMPANY'S "ZILMAX" is a product that has been on the global market since mid-1990's. The FDA approved ZILMAX for use with cattle feed in 2006. It is fed to cows in the final weeks before their slaughter, in order to increase their weight by up to 33 pounds. The CENTER FOR FOOD SAFETY has criticized use of ZILMAX and other growth-promoting agents.

About one-fourth of the daily slaughter of cows in America is accounted for by TYSON FOODS, based in Springdale, ARKANSAS. TYSON asserts that cattle fed with ZILMAX had difficulty walking or else were unable to move at all, and has banned buying cattle with such weight gain. TYSON claims to have an animal well-being issue.

Now that TYSON has maxed out of ZILMAX, TYSON may switch over to ELI LILLY AND COMPANY'S "OPTAFLEXX" or a competing product called "ELANCO". One wonders if new product names are simply the same or similar approach playing musical chairs to keep under the public radar.

MERCK AND COMPANY assert that 70% of U.S. beef is fed ZILMAX or OPTAFLEXX. CARGILL continues to buy cows fed ZILMAX brand name.

(Sources: August 1, THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, "*New Zealand Pushes Technology to Head off Mislabeling of Meat*" by Lucy Craymer, Wellington, NEW ZEALAND Aug 9 THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, "*Tyson Spurs Cattle-Futures Drive*" by Ian Berry and David Kesmodel, Curt Thacker and Kelsey Gee contributed.)

#### OREGON Beach Alert and Wildfires

The NATIONAL INTERAGENCY FIRE CENTER in Boise, UTAH, puts southern IDAHO and UTAH atop the lit for air tankers, helicopters, and crews that have to be prioritized with so many uncontained fires. Crews in OREGON and WASHINGTON are racing to contain dozens of new fires every day because both states were hard hit by lightning strikes and more are expected. The big lazes may burn until they are drenched by winter rains. You can get updates about the wildfires burning in the PACIFIC NORTHWEST at [www.oregonlive.com/wildfires](http://www.oregonlive.com/wildfires).

THE OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY issued a second high bacteria advisory this summer, for the surfing site of *Short Sand Beach*, in Tillamook County. Fecal bacteria from pets and wildlife, livestock waste, failing septic systems, and sewer overflows causes diarrhea, stomach cramps, rashes, and respiratory infections. Children and the elderly are most vulnerable. For beach monitoring information, go to [www.healthoregon.org/beach](http://www.healthoregon.org/beach) or call 1.877.290.6767.

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